HENRY M. HOWE,
Mining Engineer,
HOTEL OXFORD.

Boston, MAY 21ST 1888 188

HON. JAS. P. KIMBALL, DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

WASHINGTON D. C.

RETURNING FROM A LONG WESTERN TRIP I HAVE YOUR KIND FAVOR OF 22ND MAY IN REPLY TO MY ENQUIRIES.

I NOTE MR. C. E. BARBERS SUGGESTION THAT IF FURNISHED WITH A PIECE OF FOSTERS STEEL, NOW USED AT THE PHILADELPHIA MINT, I COULD DETERMINE ITS COMOSITION. FROM YOUR NOT SENDING SUCH A PIECE I INFER THAT YOU DO NOT CONSIDER IT EXPEDIENT, OR PERHAPS THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH MR. FOSTER WOULD NOT PERMIT IT.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

Henry M Howe

Bureau of the Mint
Washington, D.C.
June 22/88.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Recommending price of die steel sent to Mr Howe

Recd
June 23/88.

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Respy referred to Supt Mint at Phila & know of no objection to sending Mr. Howe a piece of die-steel.

Jas P Kimball
Director

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Washington, D.C.,

Returning from a long western trip I have your kind favor of 22nd May in reply to my enquiries.

I note Mr. C.E. Barbers suggestion that if furnished with a piece of Fosters Steel, now used at the Philadelphia Mint, I could determine its composition. From your not sending such a piece I infer that you do not consider it expedient, or perhaps the arrangements with Mr. Foster would not permit it.

Very respectfully,
Henry M. Howe

[Noted on back:]

Reply referred to Supt. Mint at Philadelphia. I know of no objection to sending Mr. Howe a piece of die-steel.

James P. Kimball
Director